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Jewish Leaders Called To Israel Embassy Hear Enthusiastic Reports On Bond Drive

Did He Meet With Reform, Conservatives?

Sanhedrin To Be Reconstituted, Steps Already Under Way-Maimon

NEW YORK—Unverified rumors, which The Post was unable to confirm, persisted here that Rabbi Judah Maimon, Israel Minister of Religions, had conferred with a group of Conservative and Reform rabbis over freedom of religion in Israel during the past few days.

Rabbi Maimon left Wednesday morning by plane to Israel.

At the same time, there was considerable repercussion here to Rabbi Maimon's speech in Baltimore in which he declared categorically that the ancient Sanhedrin would be reconstituted in Jerusalem. He said that actual plans for a convocation of religious representatives of Jewish communities throughout the world had been laid.

Rabbi Maimon lashed out against the opponents of the re-establishment of a Jewish religious authority in Israel, and spoke of them as obstructionists responsible for the strife and dissension which is increasing in Jewish life.

To Be Convoked in 5712

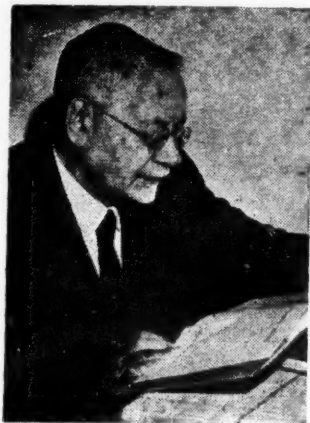
Rabbi Maimon said the religious convocation is scheduled to be called at the end of the year 5712 which will be a "Sabbatical year." This call will be issued in accordance with the Biblical injunction which calls for an "assemblage" of the people of Israel at the end of the "Year of Release" "that they may learn and fear the Lord your G-d and observe to do all the words of his Law." (Deut. 31) Rabbi Maimon explained that, although Rabbinic authorities and Talmudic scholars from all the lands of the diaspora will be invited to the Jerusalem Conference, and will have an opportunity to voice their opinions, the ultimate decision as to the reconstitution of the Sanhedrin will rest with the Rabbis of the State of Israel.

Rabbi Maimon quoted classical authorities including the Rambam to the effect that "the Restoration of the Beth El Din Hagodol will be determined only by the Rabbis of Israel."

Refuses Interview

In Washington a spokesman for Rabbi Maimon told Post correspondent Stanley Lichtenstein that "all the fuss over religious freedom in Israel disturbs only American Jews."

Reporter Lichtenstein, who had



RABBI JUDAH MAIMON
Hits Sanhedrin Opponents

twice been refused an interview with the 75-year-old member of the Israeli cabinet, was permitted to ask the spokesman a list of prepared questions, while Rabbi Maimon was seated only six feet away. The interview was at a reception for the distinguished visitor in the Washington home of Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Abba Eban.

At the evening reception in Ambassador Eban's home, Rabbi Max Kirshblum, executive vice-president of the Mizrahi Organization of America and one of Rabbi Maimon's chief aides on his current tour of this country, agreed to look over the series of written questions.

With one or two exceptions, Rabbi Kirshblum did not reply specifically to the written questions, but simply insisted on the fundamental premise that the state of Israel was founded to satisfy the "religious aspirations" of the Jewish people, and not "merely" as a national home for the oppressed Jews of the world. He said it followed that the state is justified in enforcing Shabbat observance by law on all Jewish citizens.

BEN GURION TO OPEN SALE IN MAY AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN RALLY

National Jewish Post

WASHINGTON—A private meeting of almost 100 specially-invited Jewish community leaders held at the Israel Embassy here to learn of newest developments in the drive to sell a half billion dollars in Israel bonds in the U. S. this week was the newest disturbing factor in the relationship between the drive and the United Jewish Appeal.

The UJA spring drives are getting under way currently in almost 80 per cent of the Jewish communities.

Meanwhile a spokesman for the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds said his organization would take note of another meeting called for this Sunday for the American Financial and Development Corporation, sponsors of the bond sale.

The meeting this Sunday has been convened by the Zionist Organization of America at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York. A news release called it the first national conference of the ZOA.

The spokesman for the CJFWF said his organization would probably write a letter on the matter to the AFDC. He indicated that the meeting was another sign of lack of coordination between the bond sale and the UJA. He said however, that no agreement was violated, since, contrary to popular opinion, there never was any agreement on coordination, although one was needed badly.

From another source too, the CJFWF moved to implement its demands for effective coordination in the developing "race" between the two large-scale drives in the U. S. Jewish community this year.

In Springfield, Mass., the New England Region of the CJFWF passed a resolution calling for the avoidance of "undesirable competitive campaigns" and asked for clearance in timing, organization publicity and other arrangements.

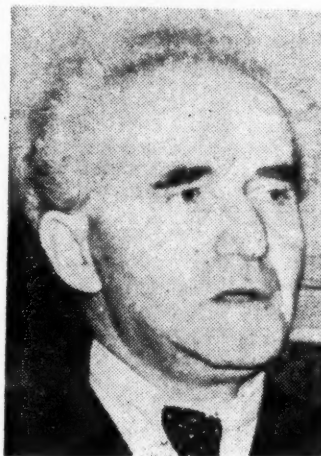
The guests of the Embassy heard Abba Eban announce that David Ben-Gurion, Israel Premier, would arrive in the U.S. to open the drive at a huge rally planned for Madison Square Garden.

Advance Sale Goal Raised

The meeting was enthusiastic. A previous goal of \$25,000,000 in advance purchases was upped to \$50,000,000, and the guests were told of one unnamed non Zionist in Houston, Tex., who had agreed to purchase \$100,000 in bonds. Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the sale, was in Houston recently, but it was not known if there was any connection between his visit and the decision of the unnamed buyer to purchase the bonds.

The meeting at the Israel Embassy took note of charges of competition with the UJA with a declaration that it was impossible to get such a huge undertaking underway without adequate and prolonged preparation. If the drive is to start on May 1, it was said, intense advance preparations must be made.

There is no question but that the Waldorf Astoria meeting has



DAVID BEN-GURION
To Visit U. S.

the full support of the AFDC. In addition to Ben Browdy, president of the ZOA, other speakers will be the Hon. James G. McDonald, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, and Henry Monitor, Vice-President of the AFDC. Mr. McDonald is the drive's honorary chairman.

Zionist leaders throughout the eastern part of the country have been invited to attend the conference which will hear a full discussion of present plans for the campaign and ZOA participation. The ZOA has adopted a national quota of \$100,000,000 and campaign committees are now being organized in every community preparatory to the formal launching of the drive.

UJA Has Priority—Lurie

In Springfield Harry Lurie executive director of the CJFWF told the convention that "Israel considers the United Jewish Appeal — which is completely dependent upon community campaigns for its funds—as the first priority in its program. The reason for this feeling "he declared" is that funds raised in this manner have been the main and immediate source of hard currency.

It represents gift dollars as an expression of American Jewish interest, dollars which do not need to be repaid and can be used flexibly for help to immigrants—both for their welfare needs and for the initial stages of making them productive in agriculture and in industry."

He added that "Israel would not consider it a service if there was to be a diversion of funds from philanthropic giving to purchase of bonds. It wants all the philanthropic gifts we can make available. It hopes that Americans will purchase bonds as investments."

Bridgeport Bans Early Sales

Opposition to advance sale among big purchasers has developed in Bridgeport, Conn., Mrs. Clara Stern of that city told the delegates. She said that the board of directors of the Bridgeport central Jewish agency had passed a resolution forbidding the bond drive to "solicit big gifts until after the special gifts phase of the welfare fund campaign." Because of the resolution, she said the AFDC would have to withhold any solicitation in Bridgeport until "given the green light." At the meeting in the Israel Embassy, the guests were told that Foundations and trust funds were expected to invest heavily in the bonds.

Meanwhile throughout the country local UJA drives were meeting with gratifying success. In most communities like Miami, Houston, Newark and Los Angeles, opening big gifts meetings were bringing in increases over last year's contributions of from 10 to 15 per cent.

New York city, usually a sore spot in giving in the U. S. Jewish community, was setting something of a record. In the first five weeks of the drive, which opened on Feb. 1, a total of \$7,150,000 has already been raised.

Only White Player

JEWISH BOY AIDS NEGRO 5 WIN TITLE

NEW YORK—Basketball history was made here when Dave Gotkin, a Thomas Jefferson High School student became the first white lad to ever represent a Negro YMCA in basketball competition. Gotkin, playing for the Carlton YMCA, garnered an individual total of 21 points for himself while helping his mates rout the Brooklyn Central YMCA team 83-65 for the borough YMCA crown.

Dave, who hasn't been playing schoolboy basketball the past winter because of the teacher-coaching strike, plans to enter Annapolis next year.

\$150,000,000 Grant-In-Aid Expected To Pass U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON—A bill authorizing the U. S. to extend a grant-in-aid to Israel in the amount of \$150,000,000 most likely will be introduced into the Senate soon.

Most feeling here is that the bill will be approved.

Meanwhile at Hakirya, Moshe Sharett, Israel's Foreign Minister announced signing of an agreement for technical aid from the U. S.

Experts will be sent from the U. S. to advise on road construction, irrigation methods, railways, citrus production, and organization of public health and technical training. Israel plans to send people to America to study sea-fishing, railways, the ceramic industry, longshoremanship and ship repairs.

House OKs Entry For 'Captive' Nazis

WASHINGTON (WNS)—The House of Representatives this week passed a bill which would permit the entry into the United States of persons who were involuntary members of Nazi, Fas-

cist or other non-Communist organizations abroad.

Such persons have been barred from coming to the United States since the Internal Security Act was passed by Congress last year.

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Jews Reluctant To Serve On All-Faiths Committee To Raise Funds For Temple

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—Some of the Jews who served on an all-faiths committee which raised funds to pay off the indebtedness on Saint Edwards Church (Catholic) here were reluctant to serve on a committee to raise funds for their own temple, it was revealed here.

Writing in the Palm Beach Post-Times, of which he is publisher, Charles Francis Coe, publisher said that the Jewish men "feared some might misunderstand their previous effort" and "mistake this new affair as an imitation."

"Respecting their sense of delicacy," Mr. Coe editorialized, "we rode roughshod over their hesitation."

The affair, a Chinese raffle, raised \$71,000

for Temple Israel, only Reform congregation here. Rabbi Richard E. Singer, described the affair as "the most gratifying expression of community cooperation in his experience" and paid high tribute to Mr. Coe who "as master of ceremonies led the crowd to unbelievable heights of generosity."

Temple Israel has just completed and paid for the first two buildings of its planned project on the shores of Lake Worth, the intra-coastal waterway. These are the social hall, which is to be used as the sanctuary temporarily, and a ten-classroom religious school building. As a result of the successful affair, construction will soon begin on the last two buildings, the temple and the chapel-museum-library.

What Rabbis Do, Survey Aim

NEW YORK — A survey of what rabbis do from day to day in order to find out what they should be taught in the rabbinical seminaries is being made.

The survey, in the form of a four-page questionnaire, is being made among 2,300 U. S. Rabbis under the auspices of the Synagogue Council of America. Three Columbia University professors are cooperating on the survey, which is under the direction of Rabbi Gerald Engel.

South American Jewry Totals 104,156

JOHANNESBURG (WNS) — According to the latest national census, results of which have just been announced, South Africa contains a Jewish population of 104,156 in a total white population of 2,372,690. Only 14,984 Jews give Yiddish or Hebrew as their mother tongue, while all the rest declared themselves to be English-speaking.

Jewish Jerusalem will have its own airfield by 1952. A temporary emergency landing strip for light communication aircraft was constructed near the City during the siege of Jerusalem, but its use was discontinued after the War for Liberation.



Chosen Enlisted Man Of Year

Chosen as the "typical enlisted man of the year," Pfc. Harry Dessner, 20, above who lost an eye in the fighting in Korea, headed the motor parade opening the annual San Antonio Livestock Show. Pfc. Dessner, the son of Mrs. Ann Dessner, of Philadelphia, was chosen for the honor by the authorities of Brooke Army Hospital, at Fort Sam Houston. Dessner who was wounded 22 days after arriving in Korea, will have his eye replaced by a plastic eye.

HEBREW SCHOOL IN CITY HALL

ABERDEEN, S. D.—A daily Hebrew school meeting in the City Hall is the unique experience of this Jewish community, of which Rabbi Selig S. Auerbach is spirited leader. At the same time the Sunday school will meet in the auditorium of the Northwestern Public Service Co. here.

The use of the temporary facilities was made necessary by the remodeling being done to B'nai Isaac Synagogue. The offer of the synagogue to pay for the use of the buildings was politely refused.

Arab, Jewish Tots In School Milk Plan

JERUSALEM—More than 130,000 Jewish and Arab school children in 679 schools benefitted from Israel's "Glass-of-Milk-a-Day" program during January. Cost of the milk, which is supplied by Tnuva (central agricultural marketing cooperative) is borne by the parents, the Ministry of Education and Culture, local municipal councils and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

As a result of the extension of Israel's water supply system to the south, 5,000 dunams (1,250 acres) of land will be placed under vegetable cultivation in the Negev during 1951, an increase from 700 dunams to vegetable growing in 1950.

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Rabbi's Plea To Close Stores Finds Non-Jews More Sympathetic

By HARRY CUSHING

FALL RIVER, Mass.—A rabbi's plea to merchants to close their stores on Friday nights because it was the Jewish Sabbath is receiving more sympathetic consideration from the non-Jewish merchants than the Jewish merchants, The Post was told this week.

Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman, of Conservative Temple Beth El, reported that "several Christian merchants have expressed themselves (in favor of closing) in far more emphatic terms than the Jewish ones". The non-Jewish merchants, according to Rabbi Ruderman, said they would not want to offend the religious sensibilities of another faith by keeping open during the Sabbath.

RIGHT TO INTERFERE CHALLENGED

Rabbi Ruderman admitted that several merchants questioned his right to interfere into their private business affairs, but said that these were isolated cases.

The appeal printed in the form of a half page statement in the Beth El Bulletin bluntly challenged local Jewish merchants to end the "shameful affront" to the Jewish community by doing business on Friday evenings.

Rabbi Ruderman explained that formerly local merchants kept open late on another evening during the week, but that while he was in service as a chaplain, the shift was made to Friday night. He did not say whether any Jewish merchants had protested when the shift was made.

WANT CITY-WIDE AGREEMENT FIRST

Rabbi Ruderman believes that Jewish merchants will close their stores Friday nights providing city-wide agreement is reached among all merchants. He feels that with an aggressive personal campaign among the merchants, this agreement could be secured.

Rabbi Ruderman informed The Post reporter that last Friday evening two members came to services who ordinarily are absent. "See what your editorial did," one of them said to him, "we are here!"

NO HELP FROM OTHER CONGREGATIONS

In addition to Temple Beth El, which serves a membership of 500, there are four additional synagogues, all of them Orthodox. Asked what was the reaction of these synagogues and their rabbis to his proposal, Rabbi Ruderman stated that there had been no expression of agreement or cooperation. He said that he doubted whether any of them were familiar with the proposal.

Rabbi Ruderman said he wrote the appeal on his own initiative. He said he had discussed the matter with members of his congregation on various occasions but had not consulted his board of directors before writing the appeal.

ARMSTRONG'S HAND SEEN IN PROF'S OUSTER

National Jewish Post

DEMOREST, Ga.—George W. Armstrong, wealthy Texas oil operator whose offer of financial aid was rebuffed several years ago by Jefferson Military College in Natchez, Miss., because it had anti-Semitic strings attached to it, was revealed to have had more success with another Southern School.

The school is Piedmont college, located here, which aids deserving mountain boys and girls.

Disclosure that Armstrong was helping the institution financially came with the dismissal of H. E. Bowen from the faculty. Prof. Bowen said his dismissal resulted from his opposition to the appearance before the student body last Thanksgiving of Gen. George Van Horn Mosely, died-in-the-wool anti-Semite.

Mosely, a retired army officer, is head of the Texas Education Association, which Armstrong founded.

James W. E. Walter, president of the college, said Bowen's release was due to failure "to integrate himself" in the life of the college.

Armstrong, who is reputed to own large oil holdings in Texas and the Southwest, openly has admitted that he intends using his funds to fight the Jews.

Grass Roots News In
The National Jewish Post

General Tire Starts Factory In Israel

NEW YORK—First shipment of equipment for the new factory of the General Tire and Rubber Company (Israel) Ltd., was loaded on the S. S. Tel Aviv this week and company officials announced that truck and automobile tires should be rolling from the production lines late this year.

The plant is being built in Petach Tikva, near Tel Aviv, by the General Tire and Rubber Co. of Akron, the Palestine Economic Corporation, and other American and Israel investors. The project will cost \$2,430,000.

GETS 5-YEAR TERM

TEL AVIV—A stiff 5-year sentence for knowingly purchasing 108 stolen chickens was meted out here to Shmuel Yacobovitz, 41. Judge S. Kassan imposed the heavy sentence on Yacobovitz, a vegetable wholesaler.

Sabbath Observance

Law Seen for Jerusalem

National Jewish Post

JERUSALEM—This city may soon get a Sabbath observance law similar to those in other Israel communities, if the plan of Mayor S. Z. Shragai is carried through.

Speaking at his first press conference since his election, Mayor Shragai told the newspaper correspondents "that the present form of Sabbath observance cannot remain, but it is a delicate problem, involving differences of opinion and any changes will have to be made after lengthy discussion."

He refused to elaborate on this involved statement.

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Israel To Get Body Of Naphtali Herz Imber

NEW YORK (WNS)—The remains of Naphtali Herz Imber, composer of "Hatikvah," who died in New York in 1909, will be disinterred from the Har Zion cemetery in Long Island where he lies buried and reinterred in the Jewish state, according to an announcement by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

Arrangements for the transfer of the body to Israel will be under the supervision of Morris Margulies, former Zionist Organization of America secretary, and Julius Haber, both of whom were personal friends of Imber.

Swedish Bishop Seeks Funds For Israel

STOCKHOLM (WNS)—Dr. M. Briliot, Protestant bishop of Sweden, is now leading a campaign to raise a million Swedish kronen in this country for the benefit of Israeli.

In his appeal Bishop Briliot cites Israel's present economic difficulties and the necessity of re-settling 600,000 more Jewish refugees in Israel during the next three years. A committee of "Christian Friends of Israel" is now raising a fund in this country for the purpose of erecting a "Swedish village" in Israel.

A 14-dunam (almost four acres) national park will be developed near Tiberias to preserve the natural beauty and botanical and archaeological importance of the Wadi Haman and "Horns of Hittin" area in Israel. Similar parks will be established on Mount Atzmon, the highest peak in Israel, and at the prehistoric caves at Wadi El near Safad.



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Israel To Call Up Reserves To Face World Crisis

TEL AVIV—Israel will meet the sharpening crisis in world affairs by calling up a bigger reserve in 1951 than in 1950, Chief of the General Staff Yadin declared here.

He said that the call-up of army reservists and mobilization of civilian equipment would be on a larger scale than last year.

Yadin made these statements to the members of the Jaffa-Tel Aviv Rotary Club.

Yadin scouted opinion in some quarters that peace with the Arabs might be secured in the near future.

RABBI WARS ON AGENCY'S WORKING ON SABBATH

National Jewish Post

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—Rabbi Oscar Fleishaker who practically conducted a one-man war against Jewish organizations holding conventions on the Sabbath, this week extended his attack to national Jewish organizations who remain open for work on the Sabbath.

Life Plans Report On Israel Crisis

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Life magazine is planning a special section on the current Cabinet crisis in Israel, part of which will be based on material collected in connection with the current visit to the United States of Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, it was learned reliably this week.

The Life report is scheduled to appear within the next two weeks. Rabbi Maimon, Israel Minister of Religions, is winding up a tour of U.S. Jewish communities under auspices of the Mizrahi (religious-Zionist) Organization of America.

Total assets of Ampal, its affiliates and subsidiaries today amount to over \$20,000,000, in comparison to \$2,600,000 at the end of 1947. Its credits to its Israel clients have risen from approximately \$3,000,000 in its first six years, to \$11,000,000 in 1948-49, and over \$11,000,000 in 1950 alone.

Rabbi Fleishaker charged the United Jewish Appeal with sending out mail on the Sabbath, which he termed "a shameful policy of working on the Sabbath." He threatened he would ignore all UJA mail postmarked Saturday, and warned the organization that its action would be resented by thousands of people who make contributions to the UJA.

Rabbi Fleishaker, who is spiritual leader of the Tri-City Jewish Center here, told The Post that he is asking each of the national rabbinical bodies to join him in protest.

Milhaud Will Aid Jerusalem Fete

JERUSALEM — A four-day choir festival will be held in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv this year with the participation of 1,500 Israelis and 1,000 Jewish choristers from Europe. Famous soloists from all over the world will be invited to the festival. The French composer, Darius Milhaud and Alghesi, who wrote the music for "The Dybbuk," have agreed to serve on one of the preparatory committees.



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AMPAL Pays 9th Consecutive Dividend, Enters New Field

NEW YORK—Ampal this week announced payment of its ninth consecutive annual dividend of 4 per cent to preferred stockholders in the U. S.

At the same time announcement was made that total assets of Ampal (American Palestine Trading Corp.) had jumped from 10 millions last year to nearly 16 millions currently.

Abraham Dickstein said the corporation had extended nearly 11 millions in loans to Israel clients, and told of entrance of the agency into the field of direct private investments.

The first such venture is Israel Hotels, Inc., an American company which operates a chain of hotels and is planning to construct a modern, 200-room hotel at the seashore in Tel Aviv. In addition the cornerstone for a 40-room hotel in Beersheba was recently laid.

Another Ampal subsidiary is Israel Fibreboard Products, Inc., which will establish a plant for the manufacture of wallboard and hardboard.

Other industrial projects under

consideration, Mr. Dickstein said, include a glassware factory in the Negev in partnership with Phoenix Ltd., and a factory for the production of moulded containers for eggs, together with Tnuva (the central agricultural marketing cooperative).

German Nation Can Still Be Sued

FRANKFORT (WNS)—Germany never ceased to exist as a nation despite the unconditional surrender and four-power occupation, an American court here ruled this week for the first time.

A judgment for money seized by the Nazis may therefore still be obtained against the German Reich, the Court of Appeals ruled.

Essrig Unhappy Both For Catholics Told To Quit Rotary, Jews Who Can't Get In

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Rabbi Harry Essrig asserted last week that he "did not know for whom to shed tears first: for the Catholics who have been advised to leave Rotary or for the Jews who are locked out."

Commenting on some of the paradoxes of American Democracy in his Temple Emanuel Bulletin, the sharp-tongued Reform rabbi remarked on the irony "that a clerical force overseas can aspire to dictate the civic life of some American citizens and that others are prevented from sharing in that life by a residue of prejudice and ignorance in our community structure."

JUST THE LIONS

He said it was not proper for him to advise Catholics on how to solve the dilemma but that he felt he could speak up on "the strange circumstance in our community which presumably limits Jewish affiliation in a service club to the Lion."

Rabbi Essrig agreed that in a democracy "people are entitled to select their own playmates and the company with which they would like to break bread. Nor



RABBI HARRY ESSRIG
For Jews With Blinders

is it my intention to have our people push themselves into groups where they are seemingly not wanted."

"I only wish to note that the gentle people of prejudice are the very same ones with whom many of us engage in common civic enterprises and it is hard to understand their sense of complac-

ency and indifference to this matter."

NOT INTENDED

The Reform rabbi also disclaimed any intention to teach Protestants lessons in democracy.

But he felt impelled to comment on the likelihood that freedom from bias among lay Protestants toward Jews would make little progress "as long as even the Ministerial Association of this community refuses to extend the hand of fellowship to spiritual leaders of the Jewish people."

Rabbi Essrig said that he meant it when he argued he was not talking to non-Jews.

JUST FOR JEWS

"What I have to say is meant for the ears of my fellow Jews, especially for those who enjoy being deceived, who like to gloss over unpleasant facts, who become silent partners to this conspiracy against the democratic way of life," he declared.

He emphasized that he was not proposing that Jews "mount the barricades and force equality upon others, only that we call a spade a spade and not spread hokum in our midst."

Toronto JCC To Get City Tax Exemption

TORONTO—An act to exempt the Jewish Community Center of Toronto from payment of municipal taxes was reported out favorably last week by the private bills committee of the Ontario legislature.

W. R. Allen, a Toronto attorney, said the legislature was asked to pass the bill because a Toronto city official has expressed the opinion that the Jewish center does not come under the exceptions listed in the Assessment Act.

The National Jewish Post
The Best Features Are In

Priest 'Happiest' Over \$2,000 From Jew To Rebuild Church

NEW YORK—A Catholic Priest this week called in newspaper reporters to tell them about a gift for \$2,000 he had received from a Jew to rebuild his church destroyed by fire seven weeks ago.

The Rev. Francis Del Vecchio, of the Church of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and St. Stephen's, said he was happiest about the check he had received from a Jewish donor who wished to remain anonymous.

The check represented the largest single contribution, of the 170,000 raised thus far.

N. Y. School Closing Urged For Holy Days

NEW YORK (WNS)—Maximilian Rozz, president of the Board of Education, gave his approval last week to a proposal to close down New York's public schools during the three Jewish High Holy Days.

Addressing the 24th annual luncheon of the Jewish Teachers Association, Moss said the proposal had been made by the Committee on Organization and Administration of the High School Principals Association on the ground of the difficulties encountered in conducting classes during those days. At the same time he stressed that "if the Holy Days of other faiths justify similar action, we should be courageous enough to recommend it."

Weizmann Intervenes In Delinquency Case

National Jewish Post
JERUSALEM — President Chaim Weizmann personally intervened in a juvenile delinquency case and ordered release of the culprit last week.

The boy had been sentenced to a year in the Tel Mond reformatory.

Release of the young criminal followed a probation report that the boy had fallen into bad company and that detention would do more harm than good.

A Haifa family offered to take the boy into their home and to accept responsibility for his education and rearing.

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Zionist Newsletter Renews Call To All Jews To Migrate To Israel

JERUSALEM—A spokesman for the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization this week was on record as renewing his demand that Diaspora Zionists emigrate to Israel.

The demand was made by Israel Schen in an editorial in The Zionist Newsletter, of which he is editor. The publication is the official organ of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

Schen, who has been the frequent target of attacks from the American Council for Judaism, returned to the wars with a charge that the slackened interest in Zionism was due to unwillingness to face the facts. "The emergence of the State of Israel has lifted the veil from the Zionist Movement in the Diaspora, he contended.

The chief advocate currently of the "ingathering

of the exiles" theory did not say where room would be found in Israel if all Zionists of the world were to emigrate there, but he did answer the question obliquely. "He would be very rash," Schen asserted, "who would not predict with absolute certainty that the majority of the Jewish people can never be concentrated within its (Israel's) own borders."

Schen then directed his attention to those who believe that a creative Jewish civilization can be established in the diaspora. "Today the Diaspora is being glorified," he asserted, "and turned into an ideology in itself. However much recourse is had to history in justification of this attitude, it must be admitted that no Diaspora community—not even that of Babylonia in its heyday—went so far as to make belief in its excellence a matter of ideology; Baby-

lonia was always exile."

As for the Zionist movement, Schen declared that it was floundering and "will begin to lose membership" because of the "impoverished content of Zionism today."

Without naming who he was referring to, Schen challenged the assertion of a leading Zionist, a U. S. rabbi, who denied the need for Jews to emigrate to Israel.

"Thus it must be questioned," Schen wrote, "whether a Zionist leader in the Diaspora is right in declaring at a public Zionist gathering 'I am a citizen of this country and my children and my children's children will be citizens of this country after me,' especially if the context in which the words were uttered happens to be one of *chalutzit*."

Jewish All-Day Schools Past Peak; Decline Of Talmud Torahs Seen

NEW YORK—The Jewish all-day school movement has reached its peak, and the Jewish Talmud Torahs seem to be losing strength, Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, leading Jewish educator, declared in an article in The Congress Weekly.

Dr. Eisenberg, who is executive vice president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, asserted at the same time that the shortage of Jewish teachers was becoming crucial. He said that in 1949 only 85 teachers were graduated by leading teacher-training institutes.

In the article, which was a survey of Jewish education at the mid-century mark, Dr. Eisenberg, stated that from 1935 to 1950 enrollment in all-day schools had jumped from 4,500 to 18,654, which represented 7.7 per cent of all children enrolled in Jewish schools in the U.S.

All-Day Schools Feel Pinch

But Dr. Eisenberg said the "movement has probably passed its peak." He pointed to the annual expense of maintaining a pupil in such schools as \$350, and said that the schools were already beginning to feel the pinch of lack of funds.

"Yet the all day school is here calling for their community-wide to stay," the educator declared, support.



DR. AZRIEL EISENBERG
He States the Facts

Enrollment all over the U.S. in Jewish schools is up to an all-time high, Dr. Eisenberg showed. The total for 1948-49 was 255,865 an increase of 16,000 over the previous year. Half of the total, however, attend one-day schools (Sunday Schools), he said.

The jump was explained by the increase in student bodies in the congregational week-day schools, which he declared are affecting the Talmud Torahs. Dr. Eisenberg pointed out that the congregations are unprepared to meet their responsibilities although they have undertaken to establish their own schools.

Schools Below Standard

"Many congregations do not have the funds to conduct their own schools," he asserted. "Building facilities, teaching staffs, administration and supervision are often below standard; Sunday School classes, Confirmations and Bar Mitzvahs are overemphasized," he concluded.

Two developments in recent years were hailed by the New York educator. They are the growth of Jewish nursery schools and kindergartens. The second development is the Jewish camps, which he said develop Jewish interest in a normal, unenforced manner.

Sunday School Rise Distressing

The rise of Sunday Schools was called "distressing" by Dr. Eisenberg. He said that congregations, aware of the weaknesses of the one-day week schools, were attempting to add one or more week-day afternoons to the school program.

The effect of the rise of the Sunday Schools on week-day schools will be to undermine

them, declared Dr. Eisenberg, Hebrew as a *sine qua non* of the urging a "planned energetic effort . . . by all groups . . . to intensify the fight for extending Sunday School to become at least a three-day-a-week school.

Dr. Eisenberg also took note of the fact that "The Reform group sea fishing and a refrigerator . . . has become increasingly ship for Israel from the North aware of the urgent need for fo- Sea shortly with a consignment cusing attention on the study of of frozen fish.



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KESSLER SAYS PAPER RANTING, INACCURATE

NEW YORK—Aharon Kessler, head of the Community Service and Consultation Department of the American Association for Jewish Education this week rejected the charges of the Jewish Chronicle of Syracuse, N. Y., that he had praised what the paper termed "a deplorable condition" in Jewish education in that city.

Dr. Kessler characterized the paper's editorial as "ranting and hysterical."

The Jewish Chronicle demanded dissolution (NJP Feb. 23, 1951) of the local bureau of Jewish Education which Dr. Kessler had praised, and charged that the cost of the bureau set-up was "terrific" while registration had dropped.

\$25,000 Not \$150,000

Kessler challenged the paper's assertion that \$150,000 had been spent on Jewish education in Syracuse. He said that true figures showed that the Syracuse Jewish Welfare Federation allocated \$25,000 this year to the Bureau of Jewish Education. Of this amount, he said two-thirds

went directly to the upkeep of the school.

Referring to the enrollment figures, Kessler accused The Jewish Chronicle of passing on inaccurate information. Dr. Kessler said the "elements which now comprise the Community School had a total enrollment of 145 in 1946-47; its enrollment now is 265."

Seeking To Create Pressure

Dr. Kessler made his own charges, accusing the weekly of an "open and flagrant attempt to create pressure and to influence the results" of a survey of Jewish education now being made under the auspices of Jewish Welfare Federation.

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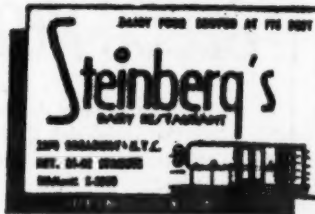
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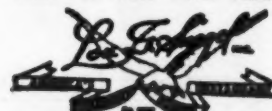
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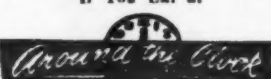
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THE "dances and lectures; tableaux and discussion groups, groups, book reviews and plays; social functions and entertainment of every description" which have replaced synagogue attendance for many members drew wry comment from Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit this week. Writing in his Shaarey Zedek Recorder, bulletin of the motor city's large Conservative Congregation, Rabbi Adler recalled having to plead with the board of the first congregation he served to expand its activities to include "forums, symposia, dramatic groups and a wide variety of youth activities. Now this situation has reversed itself, he said. "It may be the time has come," Rabbi Adler remarked, "for the American synagogue to remind its adherents that no member has fulfilled his membership unless he visits the synagogue, to join in worship. There is no substitute for the religious service."

47 Years' Reticence

Without any comment whatsoever on Mr. Lippman's more recent activity or lack of it in the Jewish group, the Bulletin of Temple Emanu-El, New York's wealthiest Jewish congregation, appended the following note to a reprint from the famous political pundit: "Mr. Lippman was confirmed in Temple Emanu-El

with the Class of 1904.) The quotation had no bearing on Jews. Mr. Lippman's reticence on Jewish questions in the latter part of the forty-seven years since he was confirmed has been the cause of considerable comment in Jewish circles.

Rabbis Give Rabbi Car

Rabbis giving another rabbi a new automobile is the newest twist. Two hundred and twenty-one practicing rabbis, all students of Rabbi Jacob R. Marcus, professor of history at Hebrew Union College (Reform) presented him with a new Ford on the occasion of his 30th anniversary on the college faculty. The presentation was made in St. Louis by Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman, a member of Dr. Marcus' first class at the institution.

Unlikeliest Headline

News vendors in Israel are no different from the newsboys in the United States when it comes to improvising a headline to sell papers. W. Segal of Holon reports in "Keeping Posted" in the Jerusalem Post, the world's most improbable headline: "Truman Asks Ben-Gurion for Loan," yelled the newsy to attract buyers.

Wins \$500 Novel Award

His first novel, "The Phantom Folk" has won the \$500 Abram Leon Sachar award for the best unpublished creative work of Jewish content for Isidor Rabinovich 27-year-old student at Cornell. The contest is conducted by the B'nai B'rith in honor of the president of Brandeis University who was national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. Rabinovich, who served a



Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute change by radio networks.

SUNDAY, March 11—Rabbi Samuel S. Mayerberg, of Temple B'nai Jehudah, Kansas City, speaking on "Finding Yourself" on the Message of Israel program, 10 a.m. EST, ABC.

SUNDAY, March 11—The Eternal Light, presenting "The Transmigration of a Melody," suggested by a story of I. L. Peretz as told in Maurice Samuel's "Prince of the Ghetto", 12:30 p.m. EST, NBC.

FRIDAY, March 16—Rabbi Joseph I. Weiss of West End Temple, Neponsit, L.I., N.Y., speaking on "Victory Over Tyranny," under auspices of the Synagogue Council of America, on the "Faith in Our Times" program, 10:15 a.m. EST, Mutual.

two-year-hitch in the army in New Guinea and at Manila, based his novel on his travels abroad, including a stay of three months in Palestine before the establishment of Israel.

New Body Proposed

A new organization, a national board of rabbis, patterned after the New York Board of Rabbis, was proposed by Rabbi Simon G. Kramer, retiring president of the New York Board. Rabbi Morris M. Goldberg of Congregation Shaare Zedek was installed as president. Other officers installed included Rabbis Jonah E. Caplan of Astoria, Joseph Miller of Brooklyn, David J. Seligson of Manhattan, Max Hoch of the Bronx and Max Meyer of Flushing.



Deaths of the Week

Harry H. Straus, who earned a vast fortune when he devised a

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

FIRST FILMS ON NAZI BUTCHERS OFFER SOME TIPS TO BURLESQUE

By SIMON WINCEMBERG

THOSE fortunate enough to be living in Los Angeles during the last fiscal month had a chance to partake in a double feature which surely put the blight on all Main Street burlesque houses for the duration of its run.



Wincenberg

Gestapo were a terrible bunch of cads and bounders, betraying girls right and left, and altogether hooping it up like a bunch of sailors on Saturday night.

WITH THE BURDEN FOR WAR CRIMES thus neatly allotted between the playful boys in the black uniforms, and Ilse Koch, who apparently was responsible for everything else—the sacrificial scapegoat who will wash away those overwrought ideas of Germany's "collective guilt"—we are left free, of course, to join Gen. Ike in stretching out a hand of comradeship to the guiltless German GI.

HEARTENING evidence that the religious life of Los Angeles Jewish Youth continues very much in the groove is offered by the "Jewish Youth Councilor," the publication of the L.A. Jewish Youth Council, which has cast its "Spotlight" of the month upon the activities of the "Templers," the youth group of Reform Temple Emanuel in Beverly Hills, associated nationally with an organization delightfully known as "Nifty," or, as they spell it, NFTY. "You see a crowd of people outside of Temple Emanuel and you ask 'Is Lana Turner making a personal appearance,'" the article opens, practically taking the words right out of your mouth. Whom else, after all, would you expect to draw a crowd at a Jewish religious institution in Beverly Hills—the Lubavitcher Rebbe (le havdil)?

ACTIVITIES OF THE "TEMPLERS" (I love that name) are listed to include "religious and discussion groups" but their primary charm lies unquestionably in their human material, vignettized under the "Spotlight" as follows:

"A composite picture of the Templer would find him with a tennis racket handy for that afternoon date, with a bowling ball poised for a strike (two fingers crossed for good luck), with an ear for good music, with an eye for an attractive member of the opposite sex, and with an ear cocked for a good joke."

Those who pretend to see something outmoded or difficult about the practices and traditions of Judaism would do well to ponder this portrait; aside, even from its proud acknowledgement of the religious influence upon the trajectory of the bowling ball. Bless my soul, how nifty can religion get? Believe me, if I weren't too far gone already, I'd give anything to become religious again. The Rebbe at Saratoga wasn't talking through his hat when he told my mother in the summer of 1947, "He'll get ruined in Hollywood. But go ahead and send him."

BOTH Temple Israel of Hollywood and its spiritual leader, Dr. Max Nussbaum, have been among the more impressive local Jewish contributions to Brotherhood Week.

The Temple last month sponsored a "World Brotherhood Concert" featuring a 40-voice cantor's choir, three Christian choirs and Pat O'Brien as master of ceremonies.

The concert was broadcast by NBC from coast to coast, as well as to Tokyo and to the Armed Forces Radio Service, and was initiated and wholeheartedly supported by its Christian co-sponsors, in contrast to the "one-sided love affair" such interdenominational projects generally turn out to be.

DR. NUSSBAUM HIMSELF, a few days later, was guest speaker over TV-station KNBR's "Sunset Service," conducted by the Hollywood Presbyterian Church. Film star Cathy O'Donnell (The Best Years of Our Lives) who is a member of Temple Israel (her husband is Paramount Producer Robert Wyler, brother of William Wyler) shared the program with a reading from Isaiah, the "swords into plowshares" passage, which already has become pretty much sine qua non as an organic part of the Brotherhood "nusach" (ritual).

way to manufacture cigarette illness. He had held pulpits in paper in the U.S., died in Asheville, Poughkeepsie and Glen Falls, N. Y. before coming to the Bronx. Straus' discovery, made after tortuous and painstaking research, cigarette paper had been imported almost exclusively from France...

With the Rabbis

Rabbi Julius Silberfeld emeritus of B'nai Abraham Congregation, Newark, celebrated his 75th birthday...

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

HAMAN MAY BE VILLAIN BUT DIDN'T HE STEAL THE SHOW?

By HELEN COHEN

IF I didn't want to appear carping, I'd suggest that Haman has stolen the spotlight in our annual celebration of the Feast of Lots.

Last year at the Purim party for the Sunday school pupils, 90% of the booths had something to do with taking a poke at that arch villain—either "Three Chances to Hit Haman on the Nose" or "Try to Knock Haman Down" or some other form of committing mayhem on the man.

And of course the Hamantaschen is Purim's special holiday treat. In Jewish Cookery, Leah Leonard gives us some of the different versions and legends that have grown up around that bit of pastry. It represents the three-cornered hat which Haman was supposed to have worn, or his purse as the Germans must have visualized it, since in German the name Hamantaschen implies Haman's purse. "In Italy and other Mediterranean countries," Mrs. Leonard relates, "Jews have a legend about Haman's ears being shaped like the donkey's—three cornered and slightly elongated"—accounting for the three-cornered and slightly elongated shape of the cakes.

"In Holland and the low countries, small cakes in the shape of a man, studded with nuts and raisins like the gingerbread man, symbolize Haman."

It's all right to jeer at the gentleman, but if you're going to lay it on too thick, in Hollywood at least he might well end up as the hero of the piece.

IVE been repaid for having suggested that a rabbi had something to do with religious effort of you-know-which-writer.

At a social gathering the other night, someone remarked to our local Conservative Rabbi that he must have used my previous week's article in his Friday night sermon.



"Used it?" laughed the rabbi. "I wrote it."

Which, however, gives me a chance to thank our local religious leaders for all their assistance. Rabbis representing the different groups have all been kind and helpful when I came to them to check some fact for accuracy, and our conservative rabbi, having borne the brunt of my "shilos", rates

HELEN COHEN special thanks. For instance, I asked him if the Sabbath Lamp mentioned in the Seven Rabbinic Positive Commandments was the same custom—in another form—of our present day Shabbas light, or some other practice, and he reassured me that it was one and the same.

I am constantly made aware of the wide diversity of knowledge at our rabbi's finger tips. I once said to him, "Are rabbis supposed to be able to answer any question?"

Well, rabbi, as long as you write the stuff maybe you better get the fan mail. You writers who are driven to violence will please address your wrathful letters directly to him. Its no pleasure being torn limb from limb even on paper.

BY WAY of tribute (you may prefer to call it a parting shot) at our departing managing editor, whose leaving I regret to the extent that I forgive him the errors he allowed to creep into my copy (always he assured me it was the linotype operator's doings), I report the following incident.

The managing editor, during his stint with the Post, turned out several lengthy interviews with well-known leaders which entailed careful planning beforehand and tedious arranging afterward. When the Israel symphony orchestra played here a few weeks ago, in jesting recognition of his ability at tossing out questions, I queried the M.E. on what he would suggest I ask the ladies of the orchestra.

Quick as a flash, he shot back (and this shows how much ponderous thought goes into interviews) "Oh, that's simple. Just ask them what they think of American men."

OUR almost-nine daughter being sadly in need of a new pair of shoes, we went a-shopping this week. Here's a darling brown suede we suggested, or how do you like this brown two-strap. But no, the gal had her heart set on some white and brown saddle oxfords.

Did I put my foot down and announce that this was the dead of winter and who ever heard of wearing white shoes in winter, and she could take the sensible brown pair or else? I did not. She's not different from any other woman. I happen to know that winter or no winter, most of her friends and schoolmates are sporting white and brown oxfords, which should settle the argument for any female.

THE ONLY REAR-GUARD ACTION in which I indulged was a meek warning that white soils easily and I didn't intend to have her going around in a pair of dirty white shoes. She acquiesced and I brightly closed the sale with how lovely the shoes looked on her.

The oldest member of Temple Emanu-El in New York, Abraham Wolf, died here this week at 97. Mr. Wolf recalled seeing Abraham Lincoln on one of his visits to New York...

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Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

Goldberg Abkin

Gerald Goldberg, 143 Church St., Middletown, Conn., writes:

Could you please tell me the history of my name and what it means?

GOLDBERG is a widespread Jewish family name. There are about 70,000 bearers of the name in the United States alone. The root of the name is the town of Goldbergh in Silesia. More than 600 years ago, Duke Bolko III, ruler of the town of Gold-

bergh, borrowed 3000 pounds of silver from a wealthy Jew named Baruch. As security for the loan the Duke offered the town of Goldbergh, with her houses and palaces. The town was to remain in the possession of Baruch and his heirs until the loan was repaid. The money was paid over on Feb. 24, 1320 and the town of Goldbergh was a pawn in the possession of Baruch's family. History does not record whether the gigantic loan was ever repaid. Bolko died in 1352 and shortly thereafter the Jews were expelled from Silesia. Baruch's descendants were the first to take Goldberg as a family name. The name became so famous that many Jews unrelated to Baruch adopted it as their own.



Mrs. E. Cass, 60 Nassau St., Toronto, Ont., writes:

I am curious to learn the origin of my maiden name, Abkin. My parents are from Bobrvisk.

ABKIN is a metronymic, a family name derived from the name of a mother. The matriarch's name was Eve or Chave. Chave's children called themselves "Chavkin," meaning "the descendants of Chave." The name was later changed to Havkin, which became Avkin and Abkin, because the Hebrew "b" is often indistinguishable from a "v."

If you don't know what **YOUR** name means, why not find out? Its easy. Just drop a note to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post. Be sure to include something about your family history in your query.

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A VARIETY of Hamantaschen recipes—both dough and filling.

HAMANTASCHEN

Any of the Hamantaschen doughs given below may be used with any of the Hamantaschen fillings. The method of shaping Hamantaschen is given in the recipe immediately following.

HAMANTASCHEN DOUGHS

Number 1

2 1/4 cups flour	3/4 cup melted butter
2 teaspoons baking powder	1 egg
1 teaspoon salt	3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar	

Mix well the flour, baking powder, salt, sugar, butter, egg and milk, and knead well. Roll the dough out thin, and cut into rounds 2 inches in diameter. Place a spoonful of Hamantaschen filling in center of each round, draw up three sides, and pinch sides together in the form of a triangle. Place on a buttered cookie sheet, and bake at 375 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes until delicately brown.

Number 2: Hamantaschen Cookie Dough

1/2 cup butter	2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup sugar	2 tablespoons milk
1 egg	Lemon or vanilla flavoring
2 cups flour	

Cream together the butter and sugar, and add the egg. Mix and sift flour and baking powder, and add a little of this mixture to the creamed butter and sugar. Add the milk. Add remainder of the flour mixture. Add flavoring extract. Roll dough out, cut into rounds, form into triangles and bake according to directions in preceding recipe.

Number 3: Hamantaschen Cream Cheese Dough

1 package cream cheese	2 cups flour
1 cup butter	1/4 cup powdered sugar

Cream the butter well with the cheese, add flour and powdered sugar, and mix well. Wrap in waxed paper, and place in refrigerator over night. Roll out in medium thickness, and cut into rounds. Fill, and form into shape, according to directions in preceding recipe. Place on a buttered cookie sheet, and bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes until delicately brown.

HAMANTASCHEN FILLINGS

Number 1: Poppy Seed Filling

1 egg	1/4 pound poppy seeds
1/4 cup sugar	

Pour boiling water over poppy seeds, let stand until seeds have settled at bottom, and drain. Put seeds through the finest blade of the food chopper. Add egg, stirring it in well, add sugar, and mix thoroughly.

Number 2: Prune Filling

grated rind of 1 lemon	2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 pound prunes	

Soak prunes overnight. Cook in water in which they were soaked until soft. Drain well. Remove stones from prunes, and cut prunes into small pieces. Mix with grated rind and juice of lemon.

Number 3: Poppy Seed Nut Filling

1 cup poppy seeds	2 tablespoons corn syrup
2 tablespoons butter	1 cup milk
1/2 cup chopped walnuts	1 tablespoon chopped citron
1/2 cup seedless raisins	1 teaspoon vanilla

Put poppy seeds through finest blade of the food chopper and mix with remaining ingredients, except vanilla. Let mixture cool over slow fire until thick, stirring often. Let cool, and add vanilla.

JUDGE FORMAN ELEVATED judge of the U.S. District Court Judge Phillip Forman, who is for New Jersey. Only 55, Judge active in the affairs of the American Jewish Committee, last week the youngest men in the U. S. to succeeded to the position of chief hold the high judicial post.

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Experimenting With Problems Of Synagogue

ONE MAY or may not agree with the tenets of Reconstructionism, but how can one take exception to the following program of the new Reconstructionist Rabbinical Fellowship which was formed recently at a meeting of Reform and Conservative Rabbis?

There has long been a great need for experimentation with Jewish religious practices to make them more meaningful while not robbing them of their validity.

The Jew of today seeks effective forms of religious expression, but too often is alienated by the stereotype method of worship which, if not meaningless altogether most certainly does not give him enough spiritual satisfaction. This leads to his being constantly challenged for denying religious identification, when the fault is not his but with those who have allowed Judaism to stagnate.

The quotation below is from The Reconstructionist, fortnightly magazine of the Reconstructionist Movement, but it just as well might have come from the lips of Saadia Gaon, that great Babylonian scholar who did so much to reinvigorate Jewish religious practice of his day.

"The purpose of the Fellowship will be to discuss the problems of the synagogue in a spirit of free inquiry, to conduct experiments to deal with those problems, and to involve the laity in the entire process. It was the consensus of the participants that questions of religious worship and ritual cannot be decided by a professional group alone. These

are the concern of all those men and women who have a deep and abiding interest in Jewish religion.

"It will be some years before the program that the Fellowship is initiating will bear fruit. It is expected that the whole pattern of worship in the American synagogue will be subjected to careful examination and evaluation, and that efforts will be made, in the light of the predicament of modern man, to raise the whole level of our religious services. The approach is frankly experimental. Mistakes will be made, but the very effort of rabbis and laity to find a more satisfying mode of worship should be self-rewarding.

"Worship, of course, is only one area of concern to the Rabbinical Fellowship. At the Chicago meeting, a commission was established to explore the ways in which Shabbat observance can become a living experience with Jews who have lost the habit of such observance and how it can be made more meaningful and satisfying for those who are seeking ways of sanctifying the Sabbath that are in consonance with the changed conditions of Jewish life.

"True, spirituality cannot follow a blueprint. Nor can saints and the creative geniuses who inspire the hearts of men be conjured up at will. But it is equally true that spiritual character and religious insight tend to emerge when serious and devoted men and women rise above vested interests, partisan loyalties, and institutional rivalries in a common quest for new and better ways of living."

A Herald-Tribune Forum In The Jewish Field?

THE need to create enlightened Jewish public opinion in the United States cannot be exaggerated.

For a group which has so many crucial decisions to make constantly, it is imperative that a maximum number of opportunities be provided for open discussion.

Since there are no large influential independent Jewish publications in the American Jewish community and since the radio, movies and similar media of communication are out of the question as far as discussion of basic Jewish issues is concerned, it behooves American Jewish leadership to use every other possible means.

One area that has been very capably exploited in the general field, but which the Jewish group has not attempted to adapt for its uses, is the public forum of the type employed so successfully by the New York Herald-Tribune.

Annually, this publication draws experts and leaders in various fields to discuss public

issues of vital immediate concern to the United States.

Such public forums as these, sponsored not by an organization but by a group of public spirited citizens, might be the vehicle for much good in the Jewish community, which always has before it many problems and which, in addition, will be beset by the need in the immediate future for making important decisions in almost every area of activity.

As matters now stand, there is no independent Jewish public opinion expressed on a wide enough scale to be effective enough to change attitudes, sway national Jewish organizations—which make most of our decisions for us—or to dissuade certain groups and individuals from the paths they are determined to travel, whether or not such paths should be traveled.

Public opinion can be a powerful instrument for good. In the Jewish group, it will come like a breath of fresh air. The time is ripe. Who are the individuals who will make such a public forum possible?

Survey On Rabbis

WE CANNOT find fault with the survey being made among 2,300 rabbis in the United States to determine what they should have learned in rabbinical seminaries to have equipped them better to serve their congregants.

The survey may prove most helpful, especially to the seminaries in planning their courses of study.

But it would seem that the expense of a full-fledged survey is unwarranted. All that is necessary, in order to discover the faults and inadequacies of the rabbi, is to attend any gin game in any Jewish home, especially the Friday night games.

The rabbi is either not a spellbinder, or a spellbinder and therefore not sincere.

The rabbi is either a politician or not a politician and therefore ineffectual in putting over his program.

The rabbi either does not spend enough time visiting the members of his congregation, or spends all his time only with the president and a few other of the rich members and therefore a t. l.

The rabbi is either a scholar or not a scholar, and therefore hasn't even a book to his name to make up for his other shortcomings.

The rabbi uses too much Hebrew or not enough Hebrew and therefore is an anti-Zionist.

If the rabbi cannot please all of his congregation all the time he is a total failure.

This is just a short listing from last Friday night's gin game. Those conducting the Survey are welcome at any Friday night's game for a more detailed and comprehensive inventory of the inadequacies of our rabbis.

The Expected Reaction

NO ONE knowing the Jewish community well would suspect otherwise than the reaction Rabbi Samuel S. Ruderman of Fall River, Mass., received from the local merchants to his plea that the Jewish Sabbath not be violated by late Friday night opening.

The non-Jewish merchants were more sym-

pathetic, and as is reported in this week's Post, almost apologetic.

It goes without saying that had any responsible Jewish merchant of Fall River protested at the time the Friday night opening was voted, there would have been no difficulty in agreeing on another night in the week.

THE EDITORS CHAIR

I HAVE a letter from Rabbi Myron Weingarten of Temple B'rith Kodesh, in Rochester, N. Y. in which he takes me to task for a sentence in an editorial in which I told the Orthodox it needed a pretty thorough overhauling.

That was the theme of the editorial in which appeared the following sentence: "The Orthodox Jew even with his violations is often a better Jew than the Conservative and Reform Jew in his violations."

I think the sentence will hold up, and I don't think it fair to remove it from the context of the editorial as a whole. No slur was intended or given. Up until this writing, the Orthodox, who rarely let a challenge like this go by unanswered, have not complained, although they have a case. I stated categorically that the Orthodox don't attend services, that they desecrate the Sabbath by working, that they don't observe kashrut and that the women don't use the mikve." This was a searing indictment, yet the Orthodox have not risen to challenge it.

Anyway here is Rabbi Weingarten's letter:

Dear Mr. Cohen,

For years I have been a reader and supporter of the Jewish Post. I have tried to encourage the reading of it by members of my congregation and have instituted its use in our Religious School—despite its frequent slurs on Reform Judaism. I feel that I must strongly protest against your statement that "The Orthodox Jew even with his violations." This is one of those vague generalities that is used by bigoted and prejudiced groups against minorities all too frequently. I can, by the same token, say that many Reform Jews make better Jews than Orthodox Jews I have known.

Here in Rochester, many of our worthwhile, noble Jewish causes and drives of all sorts, are headed by, worked on and contributed to by Conservative and Reform Jews. Are you to say that they are not "Good Jews" because they ride to Synagogue on Shabbos? I am sure you have heard the old expression that the only difference between an Orthodox Jew and a Reform Jew is that the Orthodox Jew does not observe two days of holiday, while the Reform Jew does not observe one day. The main

issue, which you seem to overlook completely, is what makes a good Jew. I am certain that this is open to question.

It seems to me that you are being a little hypocritical when in your previous item you say, "It (The Post) can criticize Israel but only because the Post has earned the reputation of fairness untainted by hidden motives." Is your statement a fair one? Or is it strongly slanted in one direction?

It is a great amount of indignation that prompts me to write my first letter to The Post. It is not only because of this disparaging remark about Reform Jewry, but even more important the irreparable damage that could be done to K'lal Yisroel by such remarks. God knows that it is difficult enough to have Jews agree on various issues of importance! Our job, yours and mine, should be to unite all Jewish factions and groups into a strong, united, Jewish community and not to try to point out areas of difference and disagreement. One is a negative approach, the other a positive one. One can divide American Jewry, the other unite them.

As good Jews, let us work to unite them.

Sincerely,

RABBI MYRON WEINGARTEN

NOW HERE'S a forthright Post subscriber. I wonder how many others of you harbor the same secret desire. "Will you please extend the courtesy," writes H. Fletcher of 628½ N. Occidental, Los Angeles, "of removing my name from your mailing list. I see enough Jewish activity during the course of a day without returning to the privacy of my home to read about them."

Nazi Butcher Ends Life, Says Sorry

MUNICH (WNS) — Herbert Nagel, war-time leader in a Polish town who was about to be indicted for the murder of Jewish slave laborers, who were under his supervision, has committed suicide.

Nagel left a letter in which he asked forgiveness for his crimes against Jews. During the past five years he had been leading a quiet life in a small town in Bavaria.

Judges, then it was removed to Nob in Benjamin and from there to Gibeon and finally under Solomon to Jerusalem, where he erected unto God a magnificent Temple. In the Haphtarah we hear about this memorable event.

—Rabbi Frank Rosenthal

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Yom Kippur	Oct. 10

Portion of the Week

PEKUDEH

PARSHAS "Pekudeh" (Exodus 38:21-40, 38; Haphtarah: I Kings 7:51-8, 21) This is the closing portion of the second book of Moses. With minute detail do we hear about the concluding stages of the construction of the Sanctuary and of the garments and jewelry that were used by the ministering priests. This second book of Moses is indeed a source of exciting and varying experiences of our ancestors. During all their troubles and glories, God was with them. When they were delivered from Egyptian slavery, when they fought many enemy nomadic tribes, when they received God's law, when they doubted their leader, when they regressed into idolatry, when they built their Temple, the glory of God was with them "throughout all their journeys." This Sanctuary was destined to accompany the Israelites into the land of Promise, it was set up in the Holy Land at Gilgal and moved from there to Shiloh during the time of the

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SAYS REFORM AGAINST SANHEDRIN: WOULD RULE ITS NOT JEWISH GROUP

● Editor National Jewish Post

To have a ministry of religion in a democratic state is a very controversial issue and it is a most critical one in the State of Israel. I was astonished to read in The POST the report from Cincinnati that Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College, rejected the invitation to welcome Rabbi Judah Maimon, and as a result of such irresponsible action, I am compelled to make public my opinion in regard to the whole chaotic existence in the representation of the Jewish faith.

In Israel there is complete religious freedom, as far as the individual is concerned, and also as far as the respective churches are concerned. However, because of the very protection of religious freedom in Israel, we must have rules to protect the people from religious misrepresentations.

Who is a Jew, what is Judaism, and who can represent the Jewish religion? Only if we give concrete answers to these burning questions will the problem of Reform Judaism be solved in Israel.

A Jew is a person who was born or converted into the Jewish faith and becomes part of the Jewish community, he who accepts the doctrines of Judaism without any reservations or exclusions. A Jew who, as an individual, will violate or reject all or some of the Laws will become a transgressor but will still remain a Jew. However, if a group will form doctrines which will be in a way similar to the additional faith of Israel, but will also officially reject basic laws of our Torah and will introduce strange traditions, such a group is not Jewish. There is a definite borderline when a Jew becomes a Jew and when he ceases to be Jewish. It is erroneous to say, once a Jew always a Jew. What about the early Christians? They were Jewish; are they Jewish now? What about the Karaites? Historic facts show that they actually observed more Laws of the Bible, and were much closer to the Jewish faith than are the Reformers of today. Are they Jewish?

It is the duty of a high Jewish court to decide if the Reform Jews are or are not Jews. There is a large percentage of converted

people among them who did not comply with traditional conversion. There are thousands of couples now married among them who never had a Get, and naturally their children are banned from the Jewish community. There are legal points, in addition to the fact that the concept of their theology is completely different.

In my opinion, religious freedom will be granted to them in Israel only if they are willing to represent a new religion altogether, but never will they represent Judaism, and as to the possibility of two or perhaps more sects in Judaism, which will be the ultimate outcome of the present religious segregations, I am positive that the sects will never become the main Jewish faith.

The Ministry of Religions represents in Israel all faiths without discrimination. However its representation of the Jewish faith applies only to those who represent Judaism, which is no more than fair. Israel will respect the Reform religion, just as it respects the Moslem and Christian faiths, if Reform will become a separate movement independent of the Jewish faith.

Naturally, I am speaking as an Orthodox rabbi and people will disagree with me because of that fact. However, I challenge the entire Reform movement, together with Dr. Glueck, to get together an international court to decide legally if the Reformers have a legal right to call themselves Jews or not.

It is obvious that the Reform movement is against the restoration of the Sanhedrin (perhaps they will yield if the new rebbeztim from Mississippi will also be a member) because a Sanhedrin would officially rule them out from the Jewish faith.

If the responsible leaders of the Reform faith wish to make official ties with world religious Jewry, and do not wish to become another lost tribe or sect such as the Kuthim or the Karaites, they should really consult with the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, and ask them to outline the immediate changes that they should make and the general housecleaning that they should go through in order to be accepted again as a homecoming, erring son of Israel.

RABBI TIBOR H. STERN
Kansas City

WHY DOESN'T ORTHODOXY ACCEPT VIRGIN BIRTH, ASKS REFORM RABBI

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I wish to comment on the letter of a colleague in which he quotes a Catholic Scientist on the acceptability of miracles. I do not have it before me because my youngster got hold of it too fast. To me, it is but another indication of how closely Orthodoxy approximates Catholicism in its authoritarianism.

If my colleague is logical, he must, among others, accept the "miracle" of the virgin birth, hence the divinity of Jesus — which even we Reform Jews reject.

The concept of God's omnipotence calls for further examination. Shall we say that, because God is omnipotent, there are no limits to His power? He could not, for example, commit an act of unrighteousness or injustice and still remain true to Himself. Would it not be a strange kind of

God who reveals His laws, by which man is to live, only to violate them Himself? Certainly, we cannot assert that He Whom we worship as the All-Holy is capable of such acts by reason of His omnipotence.

The fact is that our sages on occasion were stumped by the miracles and tried to give them a more rational explanation. Their faith, however, was not rooted in miracles nor need ours be. The history, the aspirations, the prophetic precepts, the ethics, the poetry—these are the eternal and unchallengeable aspects of Judaism, none of which is dependent on miracles for its validity or viability.

Let science worry its head about miracles; let us Jews concern ourselves with a way of life based on our highest traditions.

RABBI N. H. DIAMOND
Chicago Heights, Ill.

Zionism Only Part Of Identification Urge

● Editor National Jewish Post

On the whole, I am deeply grateful for the rather careful reproduction of the interview on Reform Jewish practice reported by Ben Gallob. I must say, however, that the headline does suggest a point of view which I did not intend to convey.

Not Zionism, but the urge for identification on the part of Jews with their people and its heritage constitutes a major factor for the renewed interest on the part of Reform Jews in ritual and ceremonial practice. I did speak of Zionism as being one of the significant manifestations of this desire for identification, but it (like the new trends in Reform Judaism) is primarily an effect which has its cause in the deeper basic urge for self-identification. Of course, Zionism has served to stimulate and strengthen this urge, but I would like the emphasis placed upon the source and not on its by-product.

RABBI MORTON M. BERMAN
Temple Isaiah Israel, Chicago.

CHICAGO RABBI HITS NJP STORY ON FUND-HANDLING SEMINAR

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your reporter came to the seminar "Judgment for Jewry" sponsored by the Young People's division of the Jewish Federation of Chicago to share a careful analysis of the immensely difficult subject, "Neighborhood or Negev—Where Shall We Build?" I am afraid he left with only a sensational bit of nonsense more in the spirit of our infamous Chicago Tribune than your or his own best work.

One would never learn from his article that, incredibly enough, three who came to dispute ended in agreement. We all agreed that European and in particular Israeli needs came "first;" that extravagance wherever found must be blotted out; that the Chicago Hospital Building Fund, however noble its goals, had been undemocratically arrived at and was perhaps ill-timed; and—this I think was our most interest point of accord—that the religious and cultural needs of American Jews were the most neglected of all our people's responsibilities. In other words, for the building of Jewish swimming pools and country clubs we had no good word; hospitals and clinics only if they were community voted and community-needed would we approve; but schools and synagogues, where they are truly schools and synagogues, all of us speaking from different points of view supported. It is in this context that my own statement on overseas luxury was to be understood. Far from decrying the personal morals of most overseas speakers whose talent and fierce devotion exceeds and I know (except the virtual martyrs of Jewish education) I was only criticizing a system in which "every" Israeli bureau can publish its own magazine in English, while American publications like the Menorah Journal languish; in which religious functionaries are given power and resources by American Jewry for work in Europe which is unmatched by our own American community. Above all I was indicating the stranglehold that fund-raising had on American Jewish life. Our seminar held, as it were, in the very bowels of the Jewish Federation, was a token of the democratic sharing

READER IS SLIGHTLY DUBIOUS ORTHODOX RABBIS ALWAYS SAINTS

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

I have read with a great deal of interest your editorial in the February 2 issue "The Unyielding Orthodox Is a Bogey." I agree that you should be encouraged to keep as much of the Sabbath observance as possible instead of taking the attitude as some do that if he attends to business he can smoke, ride and discard the Kiddush or other observance. If we followed the latter course the basic structure of Judaism would soon collapse.

It is prudent, therefore, to practice traditional Judaism to the limit of our ability. I agree that "the real Orthodox rabbi is more of a saint than a tyrant," but sometimes his halo slips.

I had an unhappy experience several months ago when I tried to organize a Community Council in our community under the auspices of the rabbinate. I was surprised to find several Orthodox rabbis who refused to join the Council, because they would not sit down and consult with Re-

formed and Conservative rabbis.

How can we expect the ordinary Jew to understand the technical bounds of religious observance, to say nothing about expecting tolerance and understanding between Christian and Jew, when an Orthodox rabbi refuses to join in common community action with another rabbi of his own faith? I think this vital question should be thoroughly discussed and resolved by the rabbinate and lay down a guiding principle for the Orthodox rabbi to follow.

ISIDOR TEITELBAUM
New York

are not only significant but also sufficiently different to be interesting to everyone who reads a national publication.

I certainly agreed with the conclusions of the group but I felt those were the same opinions as are held by all good people in all Jewish communities.

The points that I thought were different and interesting were first, Mr. Harris' excellent analogy of Israel's overseas needs to the U.S. defense spending, in which he pointed out that the Jews are a people at war and must defer peace projects as the U.S. is doing.

Secondly, I thought important the fact that although we all favored provisions for overseas needs, it was brought out that sometimes overseas funds were wasted.

Thirdly, the points of Mr. Greenberger, who also favored overseas needs, that the building of a hospital or clinic not only served the physical needs of the community but had to do with prestige and that some contributors favor local projects, for while they may never get to Israel, they do make use of research in local Jewish hospitals.

EARL KLEIN

Our Reporter Replies:

I am sorry about the disagreement with Rabbi Wolf about my story, especially when I had an enjoyable time at the seminar.

In covering an event, a reporter has to choose those facets that

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AT UN MAGNIFICENTLY DONE

A NATION IS BORN, narrated by Greg Morton and directed by Sholom Rubinstein. Three 10-inch shellac records. Banner Records: Album B-102.

By JOSEPH GALE

THE PROCEEDINGS in the General Assembly which led to the historic vote that made the state of Israel a fact, the voices of Jewish leaders passionately arguing for statehood, the roll call of nations, the tumult and joy afterwards in the delegates' lounge of the United Nations, and the expressions of profound feeling by some of the most respected Jewish people in the world are captured by Banner Records in a clear, dramatic album that belongs in every Jewish home and heart.

Expertly directed, and matched voice for voice, the production is a triumph for Banner. It crystallizes the most succinct moments in our recent history so that generations following, showed they have no other reference, will listen to this and feel the striving that led to creation of a Jewish state and the gladness that ensued.

HERE IS THE calm, judicial voice of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver; the high, precise, intense, womanish voice of Moshe Shertok; David Ben-Gurion, whose commandatorial tone so resembles that of his foreign minister, and the patriarchal pronouncements of Dr. Chaim Weizman.

In the background one hears snatches of speech by Andrei Gromyko, Warren Austin, Dr.

Oswaldo Aranha, and later, Emanuel Neumann, then Zionist Organization of America president; Mrs. Samuel W. Halperin, national president of Hadassah, and speaking in Yiddish, Rabbi Wolf Gold and Nahum Goldman.

All this is held together by Greg Morton in tense, well-spoken narration that seldom dips into sentiment, never lags for excitement, especially when the voting nations tick off their ballots—33 for, 13 against, 10 abstaining—and particularly afterwards, as people embrace each other in the lounge, and drink wine in "simchis" and celebration at the end of a 2,000-year-old era.

SO FINE—indeed, even noble—is the purpose behind this venture that we wish there were more to it than merely three short records whose playing time is over, it seems, before it begins. The production script is laid out with painstaking effort, and the order of things proceeds to the logical conclusion. The first two sides bear the voices of Palestine's leaders, each punching home the immemorial arguments, the unassailable dogma of history. The third side ends, and the fourth continues, with the roll call. The remaining two sides are taken up with statements made against a background of noise and congratulation by this country's Jewish leaders. Oddly enough, perhaps because they are speaking in native tongue, Gold and Goldsmann are most deeply felt in the extemporaneous, emotionally

charged words they are asked to say.

The technical accomplishments are several cuts above the Banner average. The sound neither fades nor grates upon the ear, and Rubinstein has employed decibel levels to depict the changing scene from broadcast booth to assembly floor to delegates' lounge. It is all exciting and well done. Among many other things the album conveys not only a sense of time, but also of timelessness. A Nation is Born resembles Columbia's "I Can Hear It Now," and like it deserves to be re-recorded and re-issued for posterity on long-playing records.

Vandals Shatter
Day School Windows

National Jewish Post

MINNEAPOLIS—Vandals shattered seven window panes at the front of the Torah Academy of Minneapolis, local day school, on Friday evening. The hoodlums used chunks of coal to break the glass.

Rabbi Morris A. Levy, Academy director, discovered the damage Saturday evening. Police found coal scattered near the door of the school building, as well as in two classrooms fronting on the windows, where the coal lay among broken glass. It was not readily evident whether the coal-throwers attempted to gain entrance, but there was no destruction in the interior of the Academy building.

Police officials promised that in the future a squad car would drive past the school several times nightly in an endeavor to prevent further damage.

Order To Pay Phone
Bill in Advance Voided

DUSSELDORF—(WNS)—Jewish telephone owners in the German town of Zelle, in the British zone, have escaped at the last minute an order to pay their phone bills in advance under threat they would lose the service if they failed to comply with the demand.

The order was issued when one of the town's Jews migrated to another country without allegedly paying his bill, according to the Yiddish-German weekly "Algemeine Wochenzeitung."

The Jews of Zelle brought the matter to the attention of the Ministry of Communications, which voided the order.

Sweden's Chief Rabbi,
Noted Scholar, Dies

STOCKHOLM (WNS) Dr. Marcus Ehrenpreis, Chief Rabbi of Sweden and a great Jewish scholar, died here at the age of eighty-two.

He was a noted Zionist and had served as secretary to Theodor Herzl in 1897. He was among the organizers of the first World Zionist Congress in Basle.

Rabbi Ehrenpreis was decorated by the King of Sweden with the Order of Chevalier of the North Star.

51 Jewish Composers
Vie In Gershwin Contest

NEW YORK (WNS)—Compositions from 51 young Jewish composers under the age of 30 have been submitted to the 1951 George Gershwin Memorial Contest so far, according to an announcement by the Victory Lodge of B'nai B'rith, sponsors of the event.

The winning score will be played by the N.Y. Philharmonic Orchestra during its concert season, and a prize of \$1,000 given to the composer.

I THINK AS I PLEASE

MANY SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS
IN U.S. JEWISH LIFE IGNORED

By CARL ALPERT

IN THESE days of high-powered advertising, fame and reputation can come to almost anyone willing to pursue publicity and expend the necessary funds on the machinery of public relations.



ALPERT

While many of the press releases which inundate the editor's desk are helpful and informative exposures of important projects and activities, it is likewise true that many splendid undertakings are little known and appreciated outside the narrow circle of friends and supporters. Let me give you an example of the sort of thing I mean.

Not enough has appeared in the public press about the magnificent scholarship program of the National Council of Jewish Women. Sixty-five students from all parts of the world, including eight from Israel, have been brought to America for professional training enabling them to help their people upon return home. There's no bluff and no puff in this program; it is a public service of the highest order, and American Jews should know about it.

In New York the Jewish Museum not long ago placed on exhibition a panoramic "Pageant of Jewish History." No mimeographed release could possibly do justice to the 35 thrilling dioramas which picture some of the outstanding occurrences in all of Jewish history. The minute attention to detail, the reproduction of human figures, buildings, scenery, make this the most exciting educational device ever witnessed. There was publicity, yes, but not sufficient public understanding of the scope and vastness of this great work of art, made possible by Harry Levine.

OUTSIDE A narrow circle of scholars and friends of Yiddish culture the name of YIVO means almost nothing to the American Jew. Yet the Yiddish Scientific Institute, which was a monumental achievement of the Vilna Jewish community, escaped the Nazis and reassembled in New York in 1940. In America it has expanded its library, extended its research and opened new vistas of cultural creativity. Its Jewish archives may be the richest, in the historical sense, of any in the country—but the Yivo is practically unknown and unappreciated.

In an era when so much of "brotherhood" and "good-will" activity seems hollow, it is a shame that not enough is known of a practical Christian project which prefers tangible activity to vacuous mouthing of friendship.

Children to Palestine, Inc., is an organization which seeks to raise funds among non-Jews for support of the Youth Aliyah resettlement program in Israel. The earnest Christians engaged in this work don't often make speeches or issue publicity, except when it will directly help their cause; they are interested in deeds, not publicity, but their contributions should not go unrecognized and unhonored by American Jewry.

Opportunity to do social service work in Israel should prove

A decided increase in the birth rate among Israel's Jewish population was recorded during the first nine months of 1950. The rate reached 31.8 per 1,000 residents, compared to 28.7 during the corresponding months of 1949 and 29.7, for the whole year of 1949.

challenging to qualified personnel and the National Committee to Select Social Workers for Israel is now offering a special orientation course, a contract of 15 months employment in Israel and payment of round-trip fare for case workers, psychiatric social workers, group workers, etc. Israel's needs for experienced men and women in this area are vast, and the call to professionals issued by this Committee has not been given the attention it deserves. Here is both challenge and opportunity.

THE ABOVE are but a few instances of specific projects and activities which have been overshadowed in the news columns by more powerful and more popular organizations. May these few words indicate to the men and women directly concerned that they do not labor alone and they are not forgotten. They are consecrated in service to humanity and to our people.

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To Play Major Role In Future

By M. Z. FRANK

JERUSALEM—Ruppin Agricultural College. I'm here again. In April, 1948, I stood on the roof of the still unfinished main building and enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the Hephher Valley in the spring. Haim Halperin, who was then the Secretary-General of the Agricultural section of the Histadrut, took me along when he went to see how the institution he conceived and planned was being built. The unofficial stage of the War for the State of Israel—a few weeks before the official birth—was in full swing. But the building went on. There was then just enough of a roof for me to look at the scenery from. Now we are here again with Haim Halperin, who came to see how things were going. Since May 1948, he had been Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, and resigned, and is just about ready to become the Director of the Government Agricultural Bank, soon to be established. But the Ruppin College is still his hobby and he came here to spend a full morning.



FRANK

Some day this place will offer a two-year course in agriculture for members of kibbutzim and moshavim. Just now it offers short courses—in tractoring, agricultural machinery, vegetable growing, field crops. Already 2,000 students have passed through these doors. There are about 100 students here at a time.

The place looks lovely. Five buildings are going up to serve as dormitories. When they are completed, some of the rooms now used as bedrooms will be converted to classrooms. And then there will be more doing.

THERE ARE PLANS afoot. A summer seminar for agricultural teachers is one. Another, already in the stage of final completion, is an arrangement with the Government to open a school for mechanized agriculture—or agricultural machinery, the only one in the country.

In the midst of my writing, I rushed out of the office to join the crowd of students, teachers and officials who poured out to watch an airplane. It zoomed over the crops "rissus" and "ibbuk" they call it—spraying and dusting. The plane, I learned, was flown by Vim Van Leer, formerly of Amsterdam.

I was interrupted again for lunch. On my right sat Ruth whatever her second name. Nobody that I asked knew it; on my left sat Rotstein of Achdot Yaacov, the manager of the place. Rotstein told me that a year ago a certain American gentleman visited the place and promised to induce a friend of his who owns or manages a large factory for chemical instruments to contribute some to the chemical laboratory of the Ruppin College. They are still waiting. I offered to mention the matter in my column as a reminder. I know the gentleman reads this column. Anyway, I can see to it that he should.

NOW ABOUT RUTH. Next to the college grounds are 150 dunams belonging to the Ministry of Agriculture and used for soil conservation and plants. Dr. Walter Lowdermilk is expected here this month. His arrival was delayed by about six months because of an assignment in Japan. I don't know who runs the soil conservation work just now but I know who runs the plants. Ruth.

Ruth is a slim, sweet-looking young girl with a lot of character in her face. She speaks Hebrew with a sabra accent. When I remarked on it, she told me she was German-born but came to Israel as a child in 1933. She got her agricultural training in Mikveh Israel, the oldest agricultural school in the country. On completing the course she was placed in charge of the department of plants in the large botanical garden at Mikveh Israel. In the meantime she served in the Israel army. From Mikveh Israel she went into government service.

"Tell me about Mikveh Israel," I said. "I was there and I spent two hours the day they flew two bags of earth to the Negev. I have to write an article for the magazine of the American Fund for Israel Institutions on agricultural training in this country." She gave me her impressions. I slapped her on the shoulder and said, "All right, Ruth. You've written my article for me."

YESTERDAY MORNING we

JEW BERMUDA
TENNIS CHAMP

HAMILTON, Bermuda — A Jew became tennis champion of this formerly judenrein British resort when Victor Seixas of Philadelphia scored a straight set victory in the finals of the Bermuda men's singles. The tall Philadelphian trounced Hamilton Richardson, of Baton Rouge, La., last year's national junior champion, 6-4, 9-7, 6-4.

8 Jewish Centers
Vie For Hoop Title

MONTREAL—Basketball teams representing eight Jewish Centers in all parts of the United States and Canada will compete here for the national Jewish Center championship. The Montreal YMHA, host team, is the defending titleholder, having won the first national title last year.

Competing this Saturday night and Sunday will be teams from the Montreal YMHA, the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst, in Brooklyn, the Jewish Community Center of Lynn, Mass., the Jewish Community Center of Portland, Ore., the Jewish Community Center of Omaha, Neb., the Toronto Y.M.H.A. and the winner of the Middle Atlantic States tourney held last week.

The tournament is under the auspices of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Israel Plans Site
For Gov't. Center

JERUSALEM—An area of almost 500 acres in western Jerusalem is being developed as Israel's permanent capital site, known as Kakiya, it will contain the Knesset (Parliament) building, the President's house, offices of the Ministries of the Government, a convention center, and an amphitheater.

The Knesset building will occupy the height in the center of the area and immediately to the north will be a large open square containing a monument to victims of the War for Liberation.

Kaplan Sees Israel
In Unique Success

JERUSALEM (WNS)—In a speech in Parliament, Finance Minister Kaplan this week declared, in connection with the forthcoming half-billion-dollar bond drive in the United States, that while other countries had failed to raise funds in the U. S. A. through bond issues Israel's position is different, since there were five million Jews in America "whose fate is linked with ours."

Kaplan said the government would float 15-year coupon bonds paying 3½ per cent and 12-year saving bonds with a maturity value of 150 per cent.

A series of hotel projects in Israel amounting to four million dollars has been undertaken by Ampal-American Palestine Trading Corp. in cooperation with American private investors and Israel business interests.

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By SAM SILVER

THE Agudath Harabbanim (conference of Orthodox rabbis, mostly European-trained) has declared the use of any type of "circumcision machine" untraditional and forbidden. (THE DAY).

No Crisis in Israel
If 50 Rabbi Greens

"If you but will it—it is no dream" is more than a slogan to Rabbi Zemach Green, of Washington, D. C. For years the Orthodox spiritual leader nurtured the hope of establishing a colony in Israel in memory of George Washington. Friends scoffed and called him visionary, but Rabbi Green persisted, and labored on behalf of his idea. Recently, the dream was realized. At the dedication exercises for "Givat Washington," south of Tel Aviv, plans were announced for the speedy settlement of 200 North African children and the building of a high school for American exchange students. One of the speakers at the affair was James G. MacDonald, U.S. envoy. Another was Israeli minister Moshe Shapiro who paid the rabbinical colony-builder the supreme compliment: "If we had 50 Rabbi Zemach Greens, there would be no crisis in Israel." (N. Gordon, THE DAY).



SILVER

Aberdeen Rabbi Sees Room For More Jews There
Aberdeen, South Dakota needs more Jews, according to an epistolary appeal sent to the JOURNAL by Rabbi Selig Auerbach, of that city. There are only 25 families in Aberdeen, whose total population is 22,000. "We need more Jews so that our congregation will be able to function and

3,000 Jewish Students In British Colleges
LONDON (WNS)—According to statistics just published in the "Jewish Chronicle," 2,952 Jews attend British universities in a total student population of 93,831.

London university has 1,100 Jews, who are 6.5 per cent of the student body; Oxford has 250 Jews and Cambridge 195, and Jewish student groups of similar size are to be found in the universities of Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester. The comparatively small number of Jewish youth in British universities is believed mainly due to the fact that British Jewish youth prefers business to the professions.

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to grow," writes the rabbi, who adds, "The city has room for a doctor, two dentists, a delicatessen store, and men with initiative. Kasher meat is brought in from Minneapolis. We have a fine Jewish center, a Hebrew school and fine, honorable people here." Those interested are asked to write to the rabbi at the Ambassador Apartment.

PEGLER Says Sokolsky
One of My Best Friends

If American Jewry has a few radicals, it also has its share of reactionaries, writes M. Danzis in THE DAY. They are especially prominent among the journalists, Danzis notes. One of the most irritating is Arthur Krock, of the New York Times, a Jew whose Jewishness is so invisible that when the newspapers were churning with Israeli news, Krock ignored the matter. Krock is not quite as moss-backed as David Lawrence, columnist and editor of the "U.S. News." But even Lawrence, whom Danzis calls "the shofar of the reactionary elements in the Republican Party," is not as antediluvian as George Sokolsky, darling of the Hearst press. To Danzis, Sokolsky is "the Jewish Pegler." He is a pal of Pegler's too. Recently, when he was charged with anti-Semitism, Pegler denied it by declaring that George Sokolsky was one of his best friends.

Day Readers Pick

6 Jewish Men of Year

The DAY recently offered prizes for the best letters nominating a "Jewish Man of the Year 1950." Awards were given to 6 letter-writers. Their nominees: Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Chaim Weizmann, David Ben Gurion, Prof. Raphael Lemkin (author of the UN Convention against genocide), Abba Eban, and Eddie Cantor ("even though he is no great Torah expert").

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Keen Political Strategy by Ben-Gurion Seen

Plan For Law To Conscript Orthodox Women Stirs Tempest

JERUSALEM—Keen political strategy was seen behind Premier David Ben-Gurion's plans to introduce legislation requiring hitherto exempt Orthodox women from 18 to 20 years of age to serve the regular two-year term in the army.

Meanwhile Mr. Ben-Gurion's announcement has led to a storm of protest from religious leaders and a demonstration of 5,000 religious Jews here.

No longer tied down by the Orthodox bloc by the fall of the Government coalition, Mr. Ben-Gurion and his Mapai party are expected to achieve two gains from the move.

It will demonstrate to the Orthodox bloc the mistake they made in forcing the religious issue to the point where the government resignation was unavoidable. And at the same time it will assure Mapai supporters that the party has not diverged from its announced policies on religious issues.

May Advise Non-Compliance

Orthodox leaders conferred with Mr. Ben-Gurion but were unable to dissuade him from proceeding with his plans.

Rumors are widespread that a national day of prayer and a world-wide fast will be called by the Rabbinical Court. It is also said that the Orthodox women will be advised to refuse to comply with the new law.

Should the legislation be introduced its passage is almost certain. The left-wing Mapam, which has been pushing for such an amendment for two years now, is certain to lend its support to the move.

The opposition from the religious bloc stems from the Orthodox interpretation of the laws of morality, which place great emphasis on women's modesty, which it is feared, will be corrupted. The Orthodox point out in addition that other countries do not draft women into the army in peacetime.

Ben-Gurion's stand is supported by the army, which claims that many women who are not Orthodox have resorted to the loophole to secure exemption from service.

With all chances of forming a new cabinet having

dwindled, the political parties in Israel are now busy planning campaign strategy.

No official announcement has yet been made of the date of the elections, but it is generally anticipated that they will be held in June. Preparing for the event, the left-wing Socialist Mapam decided to hold its convention in April, when it will formulate its platform and campaign procedure.

Orthodox Here Threaten Action

NEW YORK—(WNS)—A warning that American Jewry "will not sit idly by and allow the leadership in Israel to flaunt the religion of Israel, was sounded here by Dr. Herbert S. Goldstein, Rabbi of the West Side Institutional Synagogue and former president of the Synagogue Council of America, in a statement reacting to the clash between Premier David Ben-Gurion and the religious elements in Israel.

He said that the Jews of the United States will "be shocked to know that an effort for irreligion is being made by the political leaders in Israel to supplant religion."

Minneapolis Symphony Plays Saturday

DATE IS SHIFTED AS MARK OF RESPECT

By LEWIS GINSBERG

MINNEAPOLIS—The Jewish group won a victory for a change in the day of the concerts of the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, but it was only a temporary victory showing a mark of respect to the Jewish community.

The orchestra played its concert last week on Saturday night. It was a joint observance of Jewish Music Month and Brotherhood Week. The American Jewish World said the concert date was moved to Saturday from the customary Friday evening date as a "mark of respect for Jewish patrons."

Spokesmen for Jewish symphony patrons have requested that some night other than Friday be designated as symphony night occasionally. During the 1949-50 season several Thursday night concerts were arranged as a result. These were dropped however, and the orchestra reverted to a Friday night schedule for the 1950-51 season. (NJP—Sept. 1st, 1950)

Arthur J. Gaines, Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra manager, told THE POST, at the outset of the 1950-51 season that out-of-town college students and out-state organizations vehemently protested the change to Thursday night concerts. "The Thursday night date proved unpopular and we could no longer withstand the objections to it," he said.

EXECUTIVE POSTS GIVEN ON REQUEST

UTICA, N. Y.—A move unprecedented in the history of the American Jewish community was undertaken here when the Jewish Community Council announced that anyone who wished could be a member of the Council's executive committee.

Stirred by charges of Russian-like control and a heated controversy over a capital funds drive for a new camp, the Community Council invited all who wish to serve to take places on its executive committee.

The invitation was printed on page one of the Jewish Community News.

Permission to conduct the capital funds drive for approximately \$20,000 was given to the Council of Jewish Women. The funds are needed to build cabins and recreational facilities on a 400-acre plot of ground purchased by the group for \$16,800.

Mrs. Lawrence Tumposky, opposing the authorization for the drive, said it would harm the city's annual welfare campaign which is due to get under way shortly. She blamed the Council for "shortsightedness and said "all of the community will suffer."

The Council has conducted Camp Krohngold as its project for the past 25 years. Mrs. Harold Goldman, president of the Council chapter, said that the old site had been sold and the new site purchased with \$8,500 saved for this purpose by the Council women and a loan from the banks for an equal amount.

Arabs Ask For Mohel, Get Prompt Compliance

JERUSALEM—(WNS)—Arabs living along the Israel-Jordan border have had an appeal to Israel's Ministry of Health to provide them with "mohelim," answered forthwith. In their petition, the Arabs pointed out that in the past two years they neglected circumcising their children because of a dearth of experts in that field.

Kosher Restaurant For British Festival

LONDON (WNS)—A kosher restaurant for the benefit of the thousands of Jewish visitors who are expected to attend the Festival of Britain here between May and September will be installed in the main pavilion of the exhibition.

The restaurant will be under the supervision of the Kashruth Committee of the British rabbinates.

Training courses in hotel management, metal work, welding, plumbing and office work are to be opened shortly in Safad for new immigrants in the area.

Rabbi Goldman Wants Surgeons As Mohels, Sees It As Answer To Declining Use

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CHICAGO—A proposal that mohels be limited to surgeons was made here by Rabbi Solomon Goldman, of Temple Anshe Emet.

Discussing the problem of the waning use of mohels (ritual circumcisers) Rabbi Goldman urged that congregational federations jointly with rabbinical council encourage surgeons to make circumcisions one of their specialties.

The grey-haired veteran of many a battle to bring common sense into Jewish religious practice said the surgeons should be men "who

are known to take a positive attitude toward their people and who are men of faith and piety."

(The Agudath Harabbonim, organization of Orthodox rabbis have pronounced a ban on the use of mechanical circumcisers. See "The Digest of the Yiddish Press" in this issue.)

Rabbi Goldman said the older mohelim need not worry as the change could not be made in a hurry, while the younger mohelim should be urged to seek admission to medical schools.

Union Temple Cops AAU Cage Crown

By BARNEY AIN

NEW YORK—Union Temple, of Brooklyn, romped off with its second consecutive Metropolitan Amateur Athletic Union basketball crown when it beat the Our Lady of Angels quintet, Senior Catholic Youth Organization Champs of New York. The score was 61 to 51.

Eighteen teams in the N.Y.C. area competed in the big annual simon-pure cage event. The Bensonhurst Jewish Community Center took third place in the tourney and the New York (92nd Street) Y. M. H. A. earned the fourth place berth.

The Union Temple aggregation will be honored on the steps of Brooklyn's Borough Hall where they will be received by Borough President John Cashmore.

American Held In Smuggle Case

FRANKFORT (WNS) Arthur Gershon, an American official of the International Refugee Organization, is being held in Bremen in \$10,000 bail on the charge of receiving \$10,000 worth of gold smuggled into Germany in cans marked "Kosher Meat."

Authorities suspect this might be part of a big smuggling operation with links in New York.

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